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1. ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR SECTION 103.2 OFFERED BY STAINES (PARA FOUR, REFTEL) PROVIDES ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS FOR USG.

2. NONETHELESS, WE CONCERNED BY POSSIBILITY THAT OUR ACCEPTANCE OF NEW LANGUAGE, AFTER STRESSING NON-NEGOTIABILITY OF THIS PROVISION, COULD ENCOURAGE GOM TO PRESS FOR FURTHER CONCESSIONS. IN THIS RESPECT, WE NOTE THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED REVISED LANGUAGE AS ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

3. THEREFORE, PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE, WE WISH EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN THAT PROPOSED REVISED VERSION OF SECTION 103.2 REPRESENTS DEFINITIVE GOM POSITION AND TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT THIS PROVISION WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER NEGOTIATION.
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